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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KABILA CONGRATULATES US ON INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATION

[1](#)1. (U) Embassy received the following dip note (in French (Embassy provides translation)), dated July 5, 2004, conveying an Independence Day greeting:

Mr. President:

On the occasion of the celebration of your country's national day, I have the honor to present to you, on behalf of the Congolese people, of their government and in my own name, my strong and warm congratulations.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to you my willingness to strengthen the cooperation and diplomatic relations linking the Democratic Republic of Congo to the United States of America.

I wish happiness and prosperity for you, your family and your people. I also send you, Mr. President, the highest expression of my consideration.

Signed/His Excellency General Major Joseph Kabila
President of the Democratic Republic of Congo.
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